

**Group Insurance Scheme for Panchayat workers**

178. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI : Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to introduce group insurance scheme for Panchayat workers in order to cover serious ailments, accidents and deaths, etc.;

(b) if so, by when it is expected to be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKARAIYAR):  
(a) to (c) Panchayat workers fall in the jurisdiction of State Governments and Panchayati Raj Institutions. No such proposal is under the consideration of the Government of India.

**Co-operation between Panchayats and NYKS for promotion of sports**

179. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA:  
SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to sunergise the activities of the Nehru Yuvak Kendra Sangathan with panchayats across the country for promoting sports and games;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are also considering to launch a centrally sponsored scheme through the net-work of Panchayati Raj institutions with the help of local units of the N.Y.K.S.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKARAIYAR):  
(a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Government propose to synergise the activities of the Nehru Yuvak Kendra Sangathan with Panchayats across the country for promoting sports and games by sharing the responsibility between the Panchayati Raj Institutions and Youth clubs of the Nehru Yuvak Kendra Sangathan through activity mapping so that promotion of sports and games is done in a coordinated manner at the different tiers of the Panchayati Raj system.